Geological Survey

* 178 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Geological experts attached to the Atomic Energy Commission, Madras Branch, conducted aero-magnetic or any other test in Chidambaram taluk area to find out the availability of groundwater or oil resources in South Arcot district;

(*b*) if so, the number and the places where these tests were conducted ; and

(*c*) the results thereof?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No aero-magnetic survey has been conducted. The Geological Survey of India have carried out gravity and magnetic measurements in South Arcot district to determine oil possibilities. They had also put down bore holes to explore groundwater resources.

(*b*) Three bore holes were put down near Kandiyankuppam, Palaiyamkottai and Shetiatope villages in Chidambaram taluk.

(*c*) Investigation for oil is still in its preliminary stages and no conclusions can be reached now. Regarding groundwater exploration, all the bore holes were converted into tube-wells.

Sri K. R. VISWANTHAN : *தலைவர் அவர்களே, இத்தகைய மாகனடிக் பரிசோதனை சிதம்பரம் தாலுகாவை அடுத்திருக்கும் உடையார்பாளையம் தாலுக்காவிலும் பூமிக்கடியில் இருக்கும் தண்ணீரையும் எண்ணெயையும் கண்டு பிடிப்பதற்காக செய்யப் படுமா?*

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : *தனிக் கேள்வி வேண்டும்.*

Beggar problem

* 179 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to ban begging throughout the State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether there is any scheme drawn up under the auspices of the States of the Southern Zone to eradicate begging?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The amendment of the Madras Prevention of Begging Act is under the consideration of the Government.

Sri S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : *பிச்சை எடுப்பவர்களைத் தடுக்க சட்டம் கொண்டுவர இயலாது என்றாலும், அதைக் குறைப் பதற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளும் நடவடிக்கைகளிலே, பிணியாளர்களைப் பொருத்தமட்டிலாவது முதலடியாக ஏதாவது செய்ய சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் உண்டா?*

14th December 1959]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இருக்கிற சட்டத்தை மாற்றியமைப்பது என்று அரசாங்கத்தின் யோசனையில் இருக்கிறது என்று முன்னமேயே பதிலளித்தேன்.

The Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947

* 180 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to amend the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947 with a view to secure powers for the implementation of the decision of the appellate authorities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The matter is under consideration.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—POINT OF ORDER *RE* PRIVILEGE ISSUE RAISED IN THE COUNCIL ON THE 12TH DECEMBER 1959.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I wish to bring to your notice certain proceedings that have happened in the other House, the other day. Although, normally it will not be proper for me to refer to the proceedings of the other House, this is an extraordinary matter.

On the 12th of this month, I had the privilege of listening to the proceedings of the other House when an hon. Member of that House raised a motion of privilege against what is alleged to have been spoken on the floor of this House by an hon. Member of this House. You are meticulously careful, Sir, to prevent any reference to the proceedings of the other House whenever such things take place. Even with regard to the particular instance in question, the Hon. Home Minister who was present in this House at the time of the alleged speech and also who was present in the other House at the time the privilege motion was moved in that House, got up immediately and said that the hon. Member of this House did not speak in the way in which it was alleged. But still the Hon. Chairman of the other House said that he would call for the proceedings of this House and examine. I would not even object so much to the motion as such. Is it in order for a member of one House to raise a privilege motion relating to a speech of a member of the other House?

MR. SPEAKER : What is the point the hon. Member is trying to drive at? I am afraid the hon. Member is treading on dangerous ground.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I shall not say anything that would offend the relationship between the two houses.

MR. SPEAKER : It would be better if the hon. Member states his case.